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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

The following remarks are responsive to the final Office Action dated October 27, 2006 (hereinafter "the Office Action") in the subject application. This Response and Amendment is submitted within three (3) months of the mailing date of the Office Action which is up to and including January 27, 2007, which is a Saturday, extending the date to January 29, 2007 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a). As such, Applicants believe that no fees are required. In the event that any fee is deemed necessary by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to enter and consider this Response or to maintain the present application pending, please charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206.**

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